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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. ADRIAN LIAS**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Adrian Lias. Adrian Lias was convicted under the Federal Drug Laws of possessing with the intent to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine and was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment by United States District Court Judge William Skretney.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiGiacomo who handled the case, stated that officers assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations Career Criminal Task Force executed a federal search warrant at a home used by the defendant. The defendant, who has long criminal history including a previous conviction for felony drug possession, would utilize a friend's home where the defendant would stay to store and cook the powder cocaine into crack cocaine.

The case was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Career Criminal Task Force, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Ahearn, and various members of other local law enforcement agencies.

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